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SUBJ: CSCE: FOLLOW-UP: THREE FURTHER DRAFT COMPROMISE PARA-
GRAPHS SUBMITTED IN WORKING GROUP

REF: GENEVA 4876

1. SWEDISH COORDINATOR SUBMITTED THREE FURTHER DRAFT PARAGRAPHS
TO OPEN-ENDED FOLLOW-UP WORKING GROUP JUNE 26.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

(3) DECIDE THAT IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEETINGS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS, THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY MEETINGS WILL BE CONVENED;

(4) DECIDE THAT THE MEETINGS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AS WELL AS ALL OTHER WORKING BODIES CREATED BY THE CONFERENCE AND MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2(C) ABOVE SHALL WORK IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES AND PROCEDURE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE HELD, ON A ROTATION BASIS, IN THE DIFFERENT PARTICIPATING STATES. THE SERVICES OF A TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY;

(5) THE FIRST MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE HELD IN . . . IN THE YEAR OF 1977. THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING WITH A VIEW TO PREPARE THE FIRST MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE HELD IN . . . NOT LATER THAN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE. THE PREPARATORY MEETING WILL DECIDE ON THE EXACT DATE ON WHICH THE SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL MEET AND ON OTHER MODALITIES IN THIS CONNECTION. END TEXT.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION DANISH DELEGATION HEAD, SPEAKING FOR EC-NINE, WELCOMED THIS FURTHER EFFORT AND MADE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS:

- A) THE PROPOSED TEXT "ASSUMES" THAT THE NINE AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR POSITION HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF "MEETINGS" IN THE PLURAL. THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS OF ASSURING CONTINUITY.
- B) AS IN EARLIER SWEDISH PARAGRAPHS COMMITMENT LANGUAGE POSES PROBLEMS FOR CERTAIN DELEGATIONS. (WE ARE REPORTING ONGOING DISCUSSION WITH ALLIES ON THIS SUBJECT BY SEPTTEL.)
- C) REFERENCE TO "WORKING BODIES" IN PARA 4 SMACKS TOO MUCH OF PERMANENT ORGANS.
- D) THE PHRASE "WORKING PROCEDURES" WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO "RULES OF PROCEDURE" IN PARA 4, AND
- E) THE NINE STILL PREFER AN INTERIM PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS TO THE 18 MONTHS MENTIONED IN PARA 5.

4. DANISH PRESENTATION WAS SUPPORTED BY OTHERS AMONG NINE, INCLUDING FRANCE, WHICH REITERATED THAT ISSUE WAS NOT CONTINUITY AS SUCH, BUT BEST MANNER OF CARRYING IT OUT. OF THE FIFTEEN ONLY NORWAY SPOKE, NOTING ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR "MEETINGS" IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PLURAL. WE ENDORSED DANISH COMMENTS, INCLUDING THE DANISH RESERVATION PLACED ON COMMITMENT LANGUAGE.

5. SOVIET BLOC REACTIONS FURTHER CONFIRMED OUR IMPRESSION THAT MOSCOW IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID MAJOR ISSUE OVER FOLLOW-UP. BLOC REPS CALLED THESE NEW DRAFT PARAS A "FINE EFFORT"; RAISED NO OBJECTIONS TO "MEETINGS" IN THE PLURAL; AND SAID THAT THEY COULD AGREE TO 18 MONTHS IN PARA 5. THEIR ONLY OBJECTIONS CONCERNED PREPARA-

TORY MEETINGS, WHICH BLOC REPS ARGUED SHOULD BE ON "POLITICAL" NOT ON EXPERTS LEVEL. SOVIETS ALSO HAVE TROUBLE WITH PHRASE "SENIOR OFFICIALS", WHICH THEY CLAIM NOT TO UNDERSTAND.

6. ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS ALSO FOUND TEXT GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR LIPATTI ONLY SUGGESTED MINOR "ADAPTATION" OF REFERENCE TO RULES OF PROCEDURE TO MAKE THEM APPLICABLE TO FOLLOW-UP; POINTED OUT THAT DRAFT FAILED TO INDICATE WHETHER EXPERTS GROUPS SHOULD START WORK BEFORE OR AFTER SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETINGS; SUGGESTED THAT -1-3 EXPERTS GROUPS SHOULD START BEFORE 1977 AS "PILOT PROJECTS"; AND RAISED QUESTION OF FIXING A SPECIFIC TIME AND PLACE FOR "FIRST" PREPARATORY AND SENIOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

7. REGARDING EXPERTS GROUPS, MOST DELS, INCLUDING SWEDES, FRANCE AND SOVIET BLOC, THOUGHT THAT ONLY THOSE ONE OR TWO GROUPS SHOULD BE CONVENED BEFORE THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED TO DO SO BY EXISTING TEXTS. LITTLE SUPPORT DEVELOPED FOR FURTHER SWEDISH SUGGESTION THAT LIST OF POTENTIAL EXPERT GROUPS BE AGREED TO NOW AND ANNEXED TO FOLLOW-UP TEXT. MOST SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THIS IS PROBLEM TO BE LEFT TO FOLLOW-UP.

8. THERE WAS ALSO CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF TIME AND PLACE OF PREPARATORY AND SENIOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS; I.E., WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE DONE ON AN AD HOC BASIS; OR ON A ROTATING BASIS; WHETHER BOTH PREPARATORY AND SENIOR MEETINGS SHOULD BE IN THE SAME CAPITAL; AND WHETHER CSCE NEED DO MORE THAN DECIDE ON PLACE AND TIME OF PREPARATORY MEETING. NO CLEAR TRENDS EMERGED AS YET.

9. AT CLOSE OF MEETING SWEDISH COORDINATOR INDICATED INTENTION TO PROVIDE FURTHER REVISED REDRAFT OF ENTIRE TEXT AT MEETING JUNE 27, FOR CONSIDERATION HERE AND IN CAPITALS OVER WEEKEND. SWEDISH COORDINATOR EXPLAINED TO US REP PRIVATELY THAT HE ALSO PLANNED AT CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME EARLY POINT TO CONSULT FRENCH TO OBTAIN POSSIBLE NEW FRENCH SUGGESTIONS FOR "ASSURING" CONTINUITY.

10. COMMENT: BEYOND BASIC ISSUE OF CONTINUITY AND QUESTIONS FOR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THESE NEW PARAS APPEAR TO US TO POSE MAINLY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE BELIEVE WE CAN EASILY FOLLOW LEAD OF THE NINE.DALE

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